

# PROPER TAGGING AND TRANSPORTATION OF ANIMALS AND MEAT

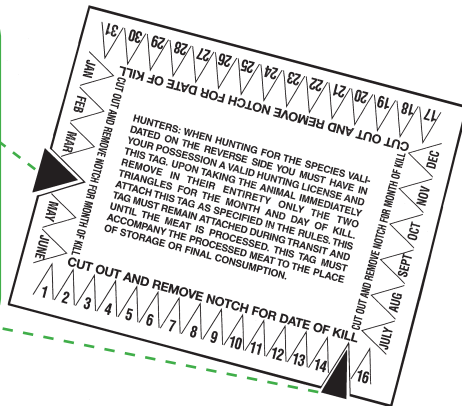
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Immediately after any deer, elk, pronghorn, black bear, or mountain lion has been killed, all hunters must comply with the following regulations regarding the proper tagging, transportation, and shipment of a carcass:

- The appropriate big game tag must be validated and securely attached to the animal. The validated tag must remain attached to the carcass until the meat is processed and placed in final storage for personal consumption.

### How to properly tag an animal:

Hunters must completely remove two notches indicating month and day of kill.



### Proper location of tag:

- Deer, elk, pronghorn, and black bear: Attach to the largest portion of the carcass. The tag must remain attached during transit to a place of meat-processing and must accompany the processed meat to the place of final storage or final consumption.
- Mountain lion: Attach to the hide.

### Transportation issues:

Any person who transports any wildlife for another hunter or receives any wildlife for cleaning, processing, or storage must be in possession of a written proxy statement signed by the person who killed the animal. Please use the proxy statement provided below.

### How to preserve evidence of sex

#### Evidence of Sex Must Be Naturally Attached on All Harvested Big Game Animals

**Deer, elk and pronghorn:** In antlered animals, the evidence of sex requirement is met when the head, horns, or antlers are left naturally attached to the whole carcass or to a front quarter. If the head, horns, or antlers are removed, leave the sex organs attached to the carcass until it reaches the final place of storage or consumption. Plus, the horns or antlers must accompany the carcass while in transit. In antlerless animals, if the head is removed, leave the udder or vulva attached to the carcass until it reaches the final place of storage or consumption. If it's a male antlerless elk, deer, or pronghorn, leave the head attached to the carcass or leave the sex organs attached until the carcass reaches the final place of storage or consumption.

**In spike elk or brow-tined elk, two-point, three-point, or four-point-only deer seasons,** the evidence of sex requirement is met when the head, with both complete unaltered antlers, is left naturally attached to the whole carcass or to a front quarter. If the head or antlers are removed, leave the sex organs attached to the carcass until it reaches the final place of storage or consumption. Plus, both complete, unaltered antlers must be naturally attached to each other and must accompany the carcass while in transit.

**In antlerless, doe/fawn, or female-only seasons,** if the head is removed, leave the udder or vulva attached to the carcass until it reaches the final place of storage or consumption. If it's a male antlerless elk, deer, or pronghorn, leave the head attached to the carcass or leave the sex organs attached until the carcass reaches the final place of storage or consumption.

**For black bears and mountain lions,** external evidence of sex must be left naturally attached to the hide until the mandatory check requirement has been satisfied.

**In seasons restricted to mule deer only or white-tailed deer only,** if the head is removed, the fully-haired tail must be left naturally attached to the carcass.

### PROXY STATEMENT (To transport wildlife taken by another person)

BIG GAME:	Species	Sex	Description (e.g.: antler points, wrapped, hind quarter, etc.)	Hunt Area Killed	Date Killed
Please circle Species	Elk				
	Mule Deer				
	Whitetail				
	Other				

### OTHER FISH/GAME:

Species \_\_\_\_\_ How many \_\_\_\_\_

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Species \_\_\_\_\_ How many \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter/Angler's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tag No. \_\_\_\_\_ Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person transporting \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# WEAPON RESTRICTIONS

## Rifle and Shotgun

In any hunt, including any-weapon seasons, it is unlawful to pursue or kill big game animals:

- With any electronic device attached to, or incorporated on, the firearm or scope.
- With any firearm that, in combination with a scope, sling and/or any attachments, weighs more than 16 pounds.
- With any fully automatic firearm.
- With any shotgun using shot smaller than #00 buck.
- With any rimfire rifle, rimfire handgun, or muzzle-loading handgun, except for mountain lion.

## Short Range

In big game seasons restricted to short-range weapons, it is unlawful for hunters to use any weapon other than a muzzleloader, archery equipment, crossbow, or a shotgun using slugs or shot of size #00 buck or larger.

## Muzzleloader

### Muzzleloading Rifle or Musket

In any hunt, including general any-weapon seasons and short-range hunts, it is unlawful to pursue or kill big game animals:

- With any muzzleloading rifle or musket that is less than .45 caliber for deer, pronghorn, or mountain lion; or is less than .50 caliber for elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or black bear.

### Muzzleloader-Only Season

Any person hunting in a muzzleloader-only season, including controlled hunts and traditional hunts, must have in possession their license with muzzleloader permit validation.

During a muzzleloader-only season, it is illegal to pursue or kill a big game animal with any firearm, muzzleloading pistol, or weapon other than a muzzleloading rifle or musket.

In addition, the muzzleloading rifle or musket must be:

- Capable of being loaded only from the muzzle.
- Equipped with only open or peep sights.
- Loaded only with black powder, Pyrodex, or synthetic black powder.
- Equipped with a single or double-barrel.
- Loaded with a projectile of at least .428 caliber.
- Equipped only with a flint, percussion cap or musket cap. 209 primers are unlawful.

### Traditional Muzzleloader Season

During a traditional muzzleloader-only season, in addition to restrictions noted above under muzzleloader and muzzleloader-only, it is illegal to pursue or kill a big game animal with any firearm other than a muzzleloading rifle or musket with an exposed hammer that pivots, and:

- Is loaded only with loose black powder, Pyrodex, or synthetic black powder.
- Is loaded only with a patched round ball or conical non-jacketed projectile comprised wholly of lead or lead alloy. Sabots are not allowed.

## Archery — Archery Equipment

In any hunt, including general any-weapon seasons and short-range hunts, it is unlawful to pursue or kill big game animals:

- With arrows or bolts having broadheads measuring less than 7/8 inch in width and having a primary cutting edge less than 0.015 inch thick.
- With any bow having a peak draw weight of less than 40 pounds up to or at a draw of 28 inches.
- With an arrow wherein the broadhead does not precede shaft and nock.
- With any chemicals or explosives attached to the arrow or bolt.
- With arrows or bolts having expanding broadheads.
- With arrows or bolts having barbed broadheads. A barbed broadhead is a broadhead that has any portion of the broadhead forming an angle less than 90 degrees with the shaft or ferrule.
- With any electronic or tritium-powered device attached to an arrow or bow.
- With any bow capable of shooting more than one arrow at a time.
- With any compound bow set at more than 65% let-off.
- With an arrow or bolt, and broadhead with a combined total weight of less than 400 grains.
- With an arrow less than 12 inches from broadhead to nock inclusive.

### Archery-Only Season

Any person hunting in an archery-only season, including controlled hunts, must have in possession their license with archery permit validation. During an archery-only season, it is illegal for hunters to use any firearm, crossbow, or implement other than a longbow, compound bow, or recurve bow, or:

- Use any bow equipped with magnifying sights.
- Use any device that holds a bow at partial or full draw. EXCEPT handicapped hunters possessing a permit may use a device that holds a bow at partial or full draw. (Applications for the use of devices holding a bow at partial or full draw by handicapped hunters are available at IDFG offices).
- EXCEPT handicapped hunters possessing a permit may use a crossbow. (Applications for the use of crossbows by handicapped hunters are available at IDFG offices).

## Dogs

Dogs may be used to take or pursue black bear and mountain lion in some seasons. See the pages for those species. Dogs may not be used to take or pursue any other big game species.

Any dog found running at large and actively tracking, pursuing, harassing, attacking, or killing any big game animal EXCEPT black bear and mountain lion may be destroyed without criminal or civil liability by the director, any peace officer, or other persons authorized to enforce Idaho wildlife laws.